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ILS Implementation

NYU is probably in the running for having the longest implementation of an ILS, but we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. The selection process began Fall 2003 and we will go live this summer with VTLS's Virtua. Over the past 25 years, we endured a couple wrenching upgrades to our current Geac ILS, but that did not prepare us for all the work, thinking and rethinking that a new ILS requires. Planning and preparation is absorbing all of the staff resources that we might want to put on other projects, but the focus this year is our ILS.

Electronic Resources Management System

Our new electronic resources librarian starts at the end of January, so we expect to pick up the pace of our III term implementation this Spring.

Offsite facility

We now have a quarter million volumes in a temporary offsite facility and are still looking for a permanent home for them. Real estate is too expensive near the city, so we are looking at partnerships farther away.

Serials vendors

After taking a close look at vendor performance, we did some rebalancing of accounts--a time-consuming task but worth it.

Budget

The University continues to keep our materials budget ahead of inflation. Savings from print cancellations are slowing.

Cataloging records

We continue to have mixed success with vendor-supplied records--they require a lot of analysis and fixing. We have successfully outsourced processing of Greek language materials to TechPro. RLG's post-migration database problems and subsequent long loading queue has discouraged us from using BackStage Library Works for batch processing, so we are having to devote staff resources to manual searching of our backlog.

Digital Library

We have a number of exciting projects supported by government and foundation money, but we sorely need a replacement for Jerry McDonough, our former digital library team leader. Fortunately, we expect to announce a new hire in the next few weeks.

Library design

With the success of last year's redesign of the lowest three floors of Bobst Library, we are now turning our attention the 8 floors above. The lower floors were designed for undergraduates, computer labs and

small group meeting rooms. We have retained a consulting firm to work with our faculty, graduate students and a committee of librarians to investigate how scholars, teaching faculty and graduate students do their work and want to do their work so that we can develop an environment and services that anticipate their needs.

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